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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3509  
March 25, 1993

Ms. Lauren J. Belvin  
Acting Director  
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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Dear Ms. Belvin:

I am sending you this request on behalf of several constituents of my district. They have submitted requests regarding the recent Proposed Rule Docket 92-235, which they feel will limit their ability to enjoy their radio control model airplanes.

Because of my desire to be responsive to all requests, I will appreciate your finding, views or any information which you could provide in response to the enclosed letters from radio control model airplane enthusiasts in my district. I would appreciate a copy of the reply you send to them. Please direct any correspondence to Deron Roberson at my Washington office. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of me and my constituents.

Sincerely,

*Marcy Kaptur*  
MARCY KAPTUR  
Member of Congress

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I am an active police officer in Toledo who enjoys building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. Flying and building are great relief from job stress. I am active in two area modeling clubs and engage in model aircraft competition.

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Gary Allen  
1623 Brim Drive  
Toledo, OH 43612

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17 February 1993

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Washington, DC 20515

Re: Federal Communications Commission  
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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 31, 1993

Dear Ms. Kaptur

I've been a member of a radio controlled model aircraft club for a good number of years. I am very active in this Toledo based club and very helpful in our training program for children. It should be every adults interest to find good quality programs for the young adults in this country.

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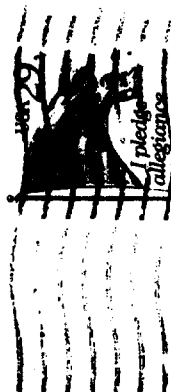
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mel Baker".

Mel Baker



The Honorable Nancy Kaptur  
U. S. House of Reps.

Washington D. C. 20515

Gary Billmaier  
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Maumee, OH 43537

17 February 1993

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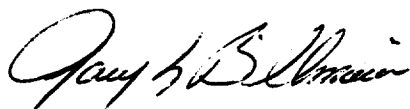
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I believe it is unwise for the FCC to seek to modify the operating frequencies for the benefit of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think that we are as important as commercial users, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. Moreover, the intended equipment in the 72 MHz band that the FCC envisions being used is not even on the market. To the best of my knowledge, the proposed rules, PR 92-235, originated within the FCC for internal restructuring, and not due to any formal request by commercial users.

Radio control aviation is both a hobby and a sport - a hobby during the construction phase and a sport in the flying of the airplanes. It provides many hours of enjoyment to tens of thousands of people of all ages and all walks of life. Model aviation has fostered an interest in aviation that can be found at every level of both commercial and military aviation, and, even America's space program. I believe that it is truly "grass roots Americana".

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my avocation by not allowing the FCC to adopt its proposals for the 72 MHz band.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Billmaier".

Gary Billmaier

Feb. 9, 1993

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

**FEB 18 1993**

Dear Ms. Kaptur:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy building and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

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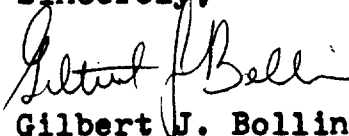
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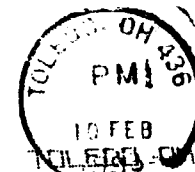
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

  
Gilbert J. Bollin

2150 Circular Rd.  
Toledo, Ohio 43614



The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
U.S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Jan. 29, 1993

MAR 03 1993

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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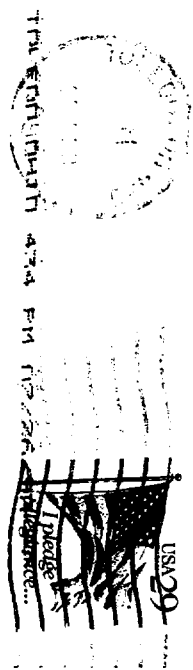
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John Barton  
6605 Coppersmith  
Sylvania, Oh. 43560

Representative Nancy Kaptur  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515



**Al Bowersox  
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Martin, OH 43445**

17 February 1993

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February 4, 1993

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
U. S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Marcy Kaptur,

I am a fifty year old practicing dentist whose hobby is building and flying model aircraft via radio control. Besides providing me with many hours of relaxation, it has also been a source of common interest between my son and myself. In my son's case it has led to a career choice. He is in his first year at the University of Dayton in mechanical engineering. He plans to go on to specialize in aeronautical engineering.

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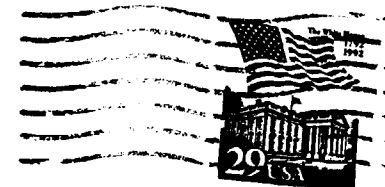
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Sincerely,

John R. Carle D.D.S.

JOHN R. CARLE, D.D.S.  
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The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
U. S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515





February 2, 1993

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Scott Casler  
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Wauseon, Ohio 43567

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Kaptur:

Re: PR Docket 92-235

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I own five pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted. The models I build weigh as much as twenty pounds and operate at 100 m.p.h.

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